

Appl. No. 09/831,843
Amdt. dated June 6, 2008
Reply to Office Action of January 8, 2008

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

As a preliminary matter, the Examiner is thanked for the interview conducted between her and Richard Y.M. Tun, attorney of record, on November 7, 2007. During that conversation the Examiner mentioned that claims 1-10 would be allowable if a semi-colon was inserted after the end of step (b) in claim 1. The Examiner mentioned that many other claims had either USC 101 or USC 112 or both issues. No language was agreed upon to resolve the 101 issues. The Examiner also mentioned that the deletion of mathematical formulas in some of the claims, which would have been otherwise allowable absent any USC 101/112 issues, required new searches to be conducted.

The Examiner is also thanked for the interview conducted on January 18, 2008, in which the attorney of record pointed out the Examiner that many of the issues raised in instant office action are moot because they have been amended in previous amendments submitted by the Applicant.

Rejection of claims 1-10 and 12-36 under 35 U.S.C. §101 and under 35 U.S.C. §112

During the telephone conversation, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-10 would be allowed if a semi-colon was inserted to the end of step b. This has now been added. Furthermore, Applicant has amended the other claims at issue, and respectfully believes that such changes should now overcome these rejections.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully solicit a Notice of Allowance.

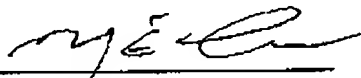
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3881. If an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-3881. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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